

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for coupling a media adapter to an imaging device, comprising:

positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler on the imaging device;

5 connecting a mating coupler on the media adapter to the coupler on the imaging device to mechanically couple the media adapter to the imaging device; and

establishing a signal link between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the imaging device.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising delivering electrical power to the media adapter over the signal link to the imaging device.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising delivering control signals between the media adapter and the imaging device over the signal link.

4. The connector of claim 1, wherein the media adapter is automatically aligned on a surface of the imaging device when the mating coupler on the media adapter is connected to the coupler on the imaging device.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein positioning the media adapter is adjacent a vertically-oriented imaging device.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising indicating to a user when the mating coupler on the media adapter contacts the signal link to the imaging device.

7. A system comprising:
 - an imaging device;
 - a coupler on the imaging device;
 - a signal link established between the imaging device and said coupler
- 5 on the imaging device;
 - a media adapter; and
 - a mating coupler on the media adapter, said mating coupler contacting said signal link when said mating coupler on the media adapter is connected to said coupler on the imaging device.
8. The system of claim 7, wherein said mating coupler on the media adapter and said coupler on the imaging device mechanically and electrically couple the media adapter to the imaging device.
9. The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is automatically aligned with a surface of the imaging device when said mating coupler on the media adapter and said coupler on the imaging device are connected.
10. The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is to an electrical power source in the imaging device.
11. The system of claim 10, wherein electrical power is delivered to the media adapter via said signal link from the electrical power source in the imaging device.
12. The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is to a controller in the imaging device.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein control signals are delivered between the media adapter and the controller in the imaging device over said signal link.

14. The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is selected from the following: electrical link, optical signal link, opto-electrical signal link, audible signal link.

15. The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is cordless.

16. The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is substantially L-shaped for positioning on the imaging device.

17. The system of claim 7, wherein the imaging device is substantially vertically oriented.

18. The system of claim 7, further comprising an indicator on said media adapter, said indicator indicating to said user that the media adapter is connected to the imaging device.

19. An apparatus for coupling a media adapter to an imaging device, comprising:

positioning means for automatically aligning the media adapter adjacent a scanning surface of the imaging device; and

5 coupling means for mechanically coupling the media adapter to the imaging device after the media adapter is automatically aligned adjacent the scanning surface of the imaging device; and

linking means for electrically linking the media adapter to the imaging device, said linking means integral with said coupling means.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said linking means is electrically linked to a means for providing electrical power to the imaging device.

21. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said linking means is electrically linked to a means for signaling between the imaging device and the media adapter.

22. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising means for indicating to a user when the media adapter is electrically linked to the imaging device.